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STATE OF ALASKA**

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Via Email Rep.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov

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The Honorable Representative Fields

The Honorable Representative Hall

Co-Chairs

House Labor and Commerce Committee

120 4th St.

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Letter of Support for House Joint Resolution 20 – Veteran Apprenticeships

Representative Fields and Hall:

Teamsters Local 959 writes to support House Joint Resolution 20. A resolution establishing hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices. As soldiers transition out of military service, they often leave with a set of skills that are needed in today's workforce. Veterans with preliminary skills can perfect their crafts through trade apprenticeships, providing them with a living wage post-military service. Encouraging Congress to enact a law to provide a 10 percent apprenticeship workforce for all Department of Defense construction projects not only helps transitioning veterans but also helps expand the future workforce of Alaska and the United States.

Please support and pass House Joint Resolution 20.

Sincerely,

Teamsters Local 959

Patrick FitzGerald

Political Coordinator

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